

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/643,465

Applicant(s)

GRANOFF ET AL.

Examiner

S. Devi, Ph.D.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicants' amendment filed 08/11/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) ~~is/are~~ 11-14, now renumbered as claims 1-4 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 19 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Applicants' Amendment

- 1) Acknowledgment is made of Applicants' amendment filed 02/18/2005 in response to the final Office Action mailed 05/12/05.

Examiner's Amendment

- 2) An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. The authorization to prepare this Examiner's amendment was provided by Ms. Roberta Robins in a telephonic interview on 19 August 2005.

This application has been amended as indicated below:

- (a) The title 'USE OF MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES THAT DEFINE UNIQUE MENINGOCOCCAL B EPIOPES IN THE PREPARATION OF VACCINE COMPOSITIONS' recited above the heading 'Abstract of the Disclosure' on page 91 of the specification has been deleted.
- (b) The title recited at the top of page 1 of the specification 'USE OF MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES THAT DEFINE UNIQUE MENINGOCOCCAL B EPIOPES IN THE PREPARATION OF VACCINE COMPOSITIONS' is replaced with the title as amended by Applicants via the amendment filed 08/19/03: --METHODS FOR ISOLATING MOLECULAR MIMETICS OF UNIQUE *NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS* SEROGROUPS B EPITOPES--.

Status of Claims

- 3) Claims 11-14 have been amended via the amendment filed 02/18/05.
- Claims 11-14 are pending and are under examination.

Rejection(s) Moot

- 4) The rejection of claim 14 made in paragraphs 15(b) and 15(c) of the Office Action mailed 05/12/05 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is moot in light of Applicants' cancellation of the claim.

Rejection(s) Withdrawn

- 5) The rejection of claim 11 made in paragraph 15(a) of the Office Action mailed 05/12/05 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.
- 6) The rejection of claim 11 made in paragraph 15(a) of the Office Action mailed 05/12/05 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claim.
- 7) The rejection of claims 12 and 13 made in paragraphs 15(b) and 15(c) of the Office Action mailed 05/12/05 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is withdrawn in light of Applicants' amendment to the claims.
- 8) The rejection of claim 11 made in paragraph 17 of the Office Action mailed 05/12/05 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e)(2) as being anticipated by Jennings *et al.* (US 5,683,699, filed 12/14/1989 – Applicants' IDS) ('699), is withdrawn in light of Applicant's amendment to the claim.

Remarks

- 9) Claims 11-14, now renumbered as claims 1-4 respectively, are allowed.
- 10) Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600, AU 1645 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be transmitted via the PTO Fax Center which receives transmissions 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The transmission of such papers by facsimile must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30, November 15, 1989. The Fax number for submission of amendments, responses and/or papers is (571) 273-8300.
- 11) Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAG or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.Mov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAA system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).
- 12) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to S. Devi, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0854. A message may

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be left on the Examiner's voice mail system. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 7.45 a.m to 4.15 p.m. except one day each bi-week, which would be disclosed on the Examiner's voice mail system.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Lynette Smith, can be reached on (571) 272-0864.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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